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REMARKS

The above-entitled Amendments are submitted in direct response to requirements and suggestions set forth in the Final Rejection.

Specifically, the Final Rejection pointed out that the word "intelligible" as set forth in claim 14 did not make sense, and has been interpreted as if the word "intelligible" was replaced with the word "unintelligible". The Office Action was correct in pointing out this informality, and the above referenced Amendment adopts this recommendation.

Further, the Office Action pointed out that the previously-filed Amendment rendered the Application with two different claims bearing claim number 20. In order to remove this anomaly noted by the Office Action, the above-entitled amendment renumbers the previously-submitted "New Claim 20", that was introduced in the Amendment filed on June 10, 2003, and renumbered this Amendment as Claim 21.

An Amendment After Final that merely complies with a requirement of form that is expressly set forth in a previous Office Action should be entered by the examiner. See, e.g., 37 CFR §1.116(b). Additionally, Amendments After Final which present pending claims in a better form for consideration on appeal should also be entered. Id.

The above entitled amendments not only comply with objections set forth by the Office Action, the above-entitled Amendments remove obvious informalities, and thereby render the claims in better form for presentation to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference. As such, entry of the above-entitled Amendments is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due for the full consideration or examination of this paper to Deposit Account Number 502643.

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